

REMARKS


In response to the Notice of Allowance mailed February 29, 2008, Applicants make the following Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance presented by the Examiner in the Office Action of October 31, 2007, at 3, line 5, to at 4, line 19, and in the Office Action of February 29, 2008, at 3, line 6, to at 4, line 11. With respect to the Office Action of October 31, 2007, the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance are directed to claims that have since been amended, and the Reasons for Allowance paraphrases the allowed claims. Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance of October 31, 2007 mischaracterize the allowed claims 1, 3-8 and 11-26, which speak for themselves, Applicants object.

With respect to the Office Action of February 29, 2008, the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance paraphrases the language of the allowed claims. Therefore, to the extent that the Examiner's Reasons for Allowance of February 29, 2008 mischaracterize the allowed claims 1, 3-8 and 11-26, which speak for themselves, Applicants object. Nonetheless, Applicants agree that the claimed invention would not have been obvious at the time the invention was made, and that no prima facie showing of anticipation or obviousness could be made in view of the prior art of record.

Questions are welcomed by the below-signed attorney for Applicants.

Respectfully submitted,

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